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SUBJECT: EC NOTE ON CIEC

1. ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM EC COUNCIL UK AMBASSADOR RAMSBOTHAM AND EC COMMISSION DELEGATION HEAD SPAAK CALLED ON UNDERSECRETARY-DESIGNATE COOPER TO DELIVER NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENCY (SEE SEPTTEL) AND ASK FOR INFORMAL US-EC CONSULTATIONS ON CIEC ISSUES IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

2. UNDERSECRETARY-DESIGNATE SAID WE WELCOME CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH EC ON CIEC ISSUES BUT POINTED OUT THAT US POSITIONS WOULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED BY EARLY CONFIDENTIAL

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FEBRUARY. (REFERRING TO RAMSBOTHAM MENTION OF FEBRUARY 3-4 XCSS MEETING IN PARIS HE EXPLAINED THAT MEETING HAD BEEN POSTPONED AND THAT WE FAVORED MARCH 3-4 AS NEW DATES.) EC MADE CLEAR EC POSITION WOULD LIKEWISE BE OPEN AT THAT TIME BUT REITERATED DESIRE FOR EARLY INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CIEC ISSUES. THESE COULD PROVE HELPFUL TO BOTH SIDES IN FORMULATING

POSITIONS.

3. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT SUBJECT OF TIMING OF US-EC TALKS ON CIEC COULD COME UP IN BRUSSELS OR LONDON IN

CONTEXT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP. (BOTH RAMSBOTHAM AND SPAAK ARE RETURNING TO TAKE PART IN MEETINGS WITH VICE PRESIDENT.)

4. RAMSBOTHAM RAISED TIMING OF CIEC MINISTERIAL SAYING EC FAVORED LATE APRIL OR MAY. HE SAID TIMING QUESTION WAS RELATED TO SUMMIT. UNDERSECRETARY-DESIGNATE SAID US HAD NO POSITION ON THIS QUESTION BUT THAT HE PERSONALLY FAVORED HOLDING CIEC MINISTERIAL BEFORE SUMMIT TO AVOID EXAGGERATED EXPECTATIONS.

5. WE INDICATED US WOULD ALSO WANT TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH JAPAN AND CANADIANS IN CO-CHAIRMAN ROLE. EC SIDE AGREED SAYING EC COUNCIL HAD AUTHORIZED SIMILAR DEMARCHES IN TOKYO AND OTTAWA.

6. IN CONCLUSION RAMSBOTHAM ASKED IF HE WOULD REPORT THAT US COULD RECEIVE EC TEAM IN EARLY FEBRUARY FOR INFORMAL TALKS. UNDERSECRETARY-DESIGNATE WAS AGREEABLE BUT REITERATED WE WOULD HAVE NO US POSITION.

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